

SUMMARY OF ALL FIRST TIME CANDIDATES EDUCATED IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Practical Nursing Programs

Year to Date (01/15/2006) Licensure Exam Results and Approval Status

PROGRAM	CURRENT QUARTER 10/01/05 - 12/31/05		YEAR TO DATE 01/01/05 - 12/31/05		APPROVAL STATUS
	# Sitting	% Passing	# Sitting	% Passing	
A&D School of Nursing	11	9.09	32	12.50	Withdrawn
Comprehensive Health Academy	51	88.24	131	90.08	Initial
Harrison Center for Career Education	36	66.67	85	70.59	Conditional
Health Management Inc.	54	77.78	163	81.60	Approved
JC Inc.	50	56.00	123	68.29	Conditional
University of the District of Columbia	26	76.92	139	76.26	Approved
VMT Education Center	30	70.00	82	54.88	Initial

Professional Nursing Schools

Year to Date (01/15/2006) Licensure Exam Results and Approval Status

SCHOOL	CURRENT QUARTER 10/01/05 - 12/31/05		YEAR TO DATE 01/01/05 - 12/31/05		APPROVAL STATUS
	# Sitting	% Passing	# Sitting	% Passing	
Catholic University of America	01	00.00	22	81.82	Approved
Georgetown University	00	00.00	85	96.47	Approved
Howard University	06	33.33	62	64.52	Conditional
University of the District of Columbia	09	66.67	44	52.27	Conditional

Source of NCLEX® Scores: NCSBN Jurisdiction Program Summary of All First Time Candidates Educated in District of Columbia



**Nurses Invited to Submit
Essays to *NURSE REP***
Send in your essay and photo!



Help Us Celebrate National Nurses Week, May 6-12, 2006. Each RN and LPN licensed to practice in the District is invited to submit a 300-to-400-word essay answering the question: **"Why did you decide to become a nurse?"**

- 1) Answer the Question "Why did you decide to become a nurse?" in 300 to 400 words.
- 2) Provide your Name
- 3) Send or Email us your Photo (optional)
- 4) Indicate whether you are a Student, Current Nurse, or Retired Nurse

Email your submission to karen.skinner@dc.gov.

If you do not have access to email, send your essay via the mail to:

Essay Submissions/Skinner Kofie
DC Board of Nursing
Suite 600
717 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

To be eligible for publication, essays/photos must be received by email (or post-marked) by Friday, **March 31, 2006**

Loan Repayment Incentive Program: Ensuring Healthcare for the Underserved

The Problem: Non-Competitive Salaries

District of Columbia health centers report that they have a very hard time recruiting and retaining medical staff due to non-competitive, lower salaries. Health centers also report a dire need for bilingual staff. **Because of salary concerns, many practitioners are not as willing to practice in these communities.** Creating the District of Columbia Health Professional Loan Repayment Program establishes an incentive for health professionals to serve in critical shortage areas within our communities and increase access to health care for persons throughout District of Columbia.

300,000 Underserved Residents

A shortage of primary health care providers in the District leaves nearly 300,000 residents living in federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and/or Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs). The inadequate access to community based primary care leads to poor health, high costs, and overcrowded emergency rooms.

Vulnerable Wards

"Wards 7 and 8, home to one quarter of the DC population, are in the greatest need for health care professionals and have the least access to primary care providers in the District," according to Charles Allen, MSPH, Senior Policy Specialist for the District of Columbia Primary Care Association (DCPCA). "In the 2005 DC Primary Care Association report, Where We Are: Where We Need to Go, Ward 7 was rated in the 'most at-risk' category in seven out of eight indicators measuring health status and access to care. The report also found that Wards 4, 5, and

7 have the highest burden of chronic disease (defined as asthma, diabetes, or hypertension), which affects 44-60% of residents in these areas. Not surprisingly, the designated primary health care provider shortage areas closely match up with these poor health outcomes."

Who is eligible?

Professionals eligible to benefit from this program include licensed and certified health professionals such as **registered nurses, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physicians, dentists, and psychiatrists.**

Applicants that are District residents and graduates are given priority to be accepted for loan repayment.

How will it work?

The District will provide loan repayment benefits to eligible medical staff in exchange for a professional's commitment to practice full time at a facility located in a designated shortage area. Applicants are required to serve a minimum of two years, with an option to extend their service two additional years.

Based on the length of their service obligation, the providers will have a substantial amount of their student loan debt repaid:

"Nearly all 50 states have a locally-funded loan repayment program to complement other national health workforce programs," says DCPCA's Senior Policy Specialist Charles Allen.

When Can Nurses Apply to Participate?

"DCPCA is working with the Department of Health and Council to fully fund the program in the FY2007 budget," says DCPCA's Charles Allen. "The program could be up and running as early as the fall of 2006. DCPCA will work with the Board of Nursing to announce the application process when funding becomes available." There will be an application process developed by the Department of Health once the program is up and running.

The application process is competitive, and in addition to meeting the minimum eligibility criteria, the Department of Health will give a preference to individuals who are DC residents that live in underserved areas, graduates of DC health professions schools, and agree to work in Medical Homes DC qualified facilities.

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	PHYSICIANS/DENTISTS	OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
First year of service	18% up to \$21,600	18% up to \$11,800
Second year of service	26% up to \$31,200	26% up to \$17,200
Third year of service	28% up to \$33,600	28% up to \$18,500
Fourth year of service	28% up to \$33,600	28% up to \$18,500
Total =	100% up to \$120,000	100% up to \$66,000

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